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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Accompanying Request for Continued Examination
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

In response to the Office action of February 28, 2007, made final, in the above-identified patent application, Applicants have elected to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). As a submission required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and defined in § 1.114(c), the following reply, constituted by amendments to the claims, and accompanying remarks urging the patentability of the claims, accompanies the present RCE.

(Along with a petition for a two-month extension of time, the RCE and this amendment are being filed on July 30, 2007, the first business day following the Saturday, July 28, 2007 date that is five calendar months from the mailing date of the Office action, and are therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.